



Tribute and Memorial Bench Program

The Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance (GPCA) offers a very special opportunity for individuals or groups to honor a special person through our commemorative bench program at the Garfield Park Conservatory & Gardens. This initiative helps provide high quality and attractive seating for Conservatory visitors, while honoring someone who may have had a special connection to the Garfield Park Conservatory. Commemorative bench donations are 100% tax deductible.

Choosing a Bench

Metal benches are located outside throughout our 10 acres of outdoor gardens. They are highly durable. These handsome black, solid steel benches are coated in an epoxy-based paint. The life expectancy of these benches exceeds 25 years.

We can dedicate a black metal bench, including a custom name plaque for a donation of \$7,500. The bench tribute will last 10 years.

Please note, at this time, we are at capacity indoors and do not have spaces for teak benches. We are working to add metal benches indoors in the Palm House. Indoor benches will be available in 2026.

Installation Time Frame

The estimated time from payment to installation is typically 2-3 months, including the manufacturing and delivery of the bench and the fabrication of the custom, commemorative plaque.

Guarantee & Terms

For the first 7 years of the 10 year dedication, GPCA will assume all responsibility for any damage and repair. Between the 7 year and 10 year mark, the donor is responsible for any repair. At the 10 year agreement mark, the donor has a right of first refusal to renew their tribute or tribute to someone else. If the donor no longer wishes to keep the bench tribute, they may relinquish, and GPCA will make that bench available to other interested parties for dedication. Terms will

be acknowledged in writing at the time of payment and signed copies will be available for both the donor(s) and GPCA.

If it becomes necessary to move a bench, outside the terms of the agreement letter, GPCA will notify the donor.

The Dedication Plaque

We are here to work with you on a custom message that has meaning to you. For the metal benches, the plaque measures 6" horizontal with bronze lettering. It can hold up to three lines of text with 25 characters per line. The first line of text can start with a standard opening like:

In Loving Memory of...

In Honor of...

In Dedication to...

Updated Sample photos - coming soon! As of August 2025, we are changing bench vendors so the look, durability and main style will look the same as our existing benches, but the metal plate is no longer round, it will be horizontal rectangle.



Donation Details

Bench donations help support our mission to change lives through the power of nature through general operations for the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, the non-profit partner to the Chicago Park District. All tribute and memorial benches are 100% tax deductible. The Alliance will issue a formal tax receipt letter and general contract that outlines the agreement.



Thank you for your interest in choosing the Garfield Park Conservatory & Gardens and a special place of tribute, honor or memorial! For more information and to learn more about open availability, please contact Marie Stringer, Director of Development & Communications, at mstringer@garfieldpark.org or call (773) 638-1766 x 22.